



CAMPAIGN FOR NEW INITIATIVES IN CHURCH DEVELOPMENT



NEW CHURCH PROJECTS PROGRESSING

Two projects, already approved by the Conference which will be supported by the Campaign for New Initiatives in Church Development, continue to move ahead. The local committee for the new church start in Boise are nearing the end of their search process for the convening minister. As previously reported in the NEWS, a site in Southeast Boise has been purchased. A house on the site will provide a gathering point for the new congregation as it develops.

In the metropolitan Portland area, the Hispanic ministry will move forward. At the time of this writing, members of the New Church Development Task Force are interviewing persons for a position which will involve them in research and interpretation activities. It will be the person's responsibility to research further the needs of the Hispanic community and to report those findings to the Task Force which will in turn report that information to the Mission and Outreach Department for appropriate response. In addition, the person will interpret the history and tradition of the United Church of Christ, and the commitment of the Conference to a Hispanic Ministry to members of the Hispanic Community.

Research continues as the Task Force seeks to identify other locations for new initiatives in church development. Oregon and Idaho offer many possibilities. The Task Force is committed to thorough research before making decisions which will involve money raised through the Campaign for New Initiatives in Church Development. Their goal is to be wise stewards of the resources entrusted.

DEVELOPMENT OF \$130,000 CAMPAIGN PROGRESSING

LOCAL CHURCH CONTACTS BEING MADE

By mid-March all Central Pacific Conference churches will have been visited by a representative of the Task Force managing the Campaign for New Initiatives in Church Development. The purpose of the visits is threefold: to explain the Campaign and respond to questions; to seek the local church endorsement of the Campaign; to ask the church to appoint a team to design and manage the local church efforts on behalf of the Campaign.

CAMPAGN DIRECTED TOWARD INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES

By design, the Campaign will be directed to individuals and families who will be asked
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to make pledges to be paid over a 20-month period concluding by December 31, 1981. Local churches are not being asked to make a congregational pledge. Groups within churches like women's fellowships, youth fellowships, church school classes, etc., who want to raise money on behalf of the Campaign in addition to the individual and family pledges, will be encouraged to do so.

MID-APRIL TRAINING FOR FUND RAISERS

The Campaign Task Force will be setting up Cluster Training Events for local church fund raisers over a two-week period following Easter. Interpretive materials on the Campaign and Will pledge cards will be available for distribution at the training events.

One Great Hour of Sharing

March 16th, the Fourth Sunday in Lent, is the day when most congregations of the United Church of Christ will observe One Great Hour of Sharing. In addition to providing funds for agricultural development, social services, and refugee work all around the world, the OGHS all-church offering also provides the funds with which the United Church Board for World Ministries responds to major disasters and emergency appeals.

One cannot predict just where in the world these disasters will occur, but one can with certainty say that they will occur! In 1978, a typical year, the list included: Floods in Bangladesh, earthquake and floods in Belize and Honduras, floods in Costa Rica, earthquake in Greece, displaced persons in the Horn of Africa, cyclone in India, floods in India, refugees in Indochina, food shortage in Jamaica, civil strife in Lebanon, floods in Mozambique, food shortage in Nicaragua, civil disorders in Nicaragua, floods in Pakistan, drought in the Sahel, civil strife in South Africa, displaced persons in Southern Lebanon, refugees and a cyclone in Sri Lanka, floods in Sudan, floods in Thailand, reconstruction in Vietnam, civil strife in Zaire, and medical supplies in Zambia.

Whenever disaster strikes, our United Church Board for World Ministries is able to make an immediate response because of your generosity in giving to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering.



Let's Celebrate a Birthday!
...200 Years of Sunday School

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries has made a guide available to help local churches get ready for a special birthday in 1980--the 200th Anniversary of the Founding of the Sunday School--a time of joyful celebration in all our churches!

This special guide has been designed to assist the church in making early plans for remembering and celebrating this important birthday. Several ways to help get ready are suggested. The Anniversary can be a springboard or launching pad for planning and dreaming about the future of church education. The hope is that churches will use 1980 as a time to enlarge their vision of educational ministry. Celebrating this birthday is a unique opportunity for all of our churches to look back in order to see forward more clearly and hopefully.



COOPERATIVE ENDOWMENT PROJECT



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CENTRAL PACIFIC CONFERENCE

YOUR WILL MEANS YOUR WAY

You have a will. Hopefully, you drafted it with your attorney. If not, the state has already done one for you--without any regard for your desires.

Not many people seem to know what a will is all about. National statistics indicate that over 85% of our adult population has no will. You might be surprised to know what it means to be without one.

No Say Whatsoever --

Your estate will be divided only among your direct heirs in a manner determined by the state in which you live. You will have no say whatsoever in who benefits or the amount of their share. If you have no appropriate heirs -- or none can be found --the state, itself, may actually take your estate. Finally, there is no room in the state's plan to include your church, Pacific or any other philanthropy.

Maximum Taxes --

You will pay maximum taxes. Although the federal government provides many ways to reduce your estate tax, you must have a properly constructed will to do so. For example, one-half or more of your estate can pass tax free to your spouse, but only through a qualified marital deduction. If you own a business or have other holdings of an unusual nature or value, a lack of estate planning may cause them to be sold to meet your tax obligation rather than pass on to your family. Even property held in "Joint ownership" is not insurance against maximum taxation.

If you have an estate plan, it's a good time for a review. Every will must be updated to reflect changing personal circumstances. Make sure you are minimizing your estate tax. Make sure you are providing for your other interests--including (name of institution), Central Pacific Conference, Pacific University, and your church.

Surprisingly, the right kind of bequest can substantially reduce your estate tax, provide a lifetime income for your spouse or other heirs and make a meaningful contribution to (name of institution) Central Pacific Conference, Pacific University, your church, all at the same time. Why not check it out?

Throw Money Away?

Few of us would throw our money away on purpose. But that is just what a person is doing who has no competent, up-to-date estate plan. You need your will to do it your way. You need the right plan to do it the best way. David Lowe at Pacific University would be pleased to assist you and your attorney to evaluate the advantages of philanthropy to your estate plan. Give him a call or write for information to:

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1979 BASIC OCWM REPORT

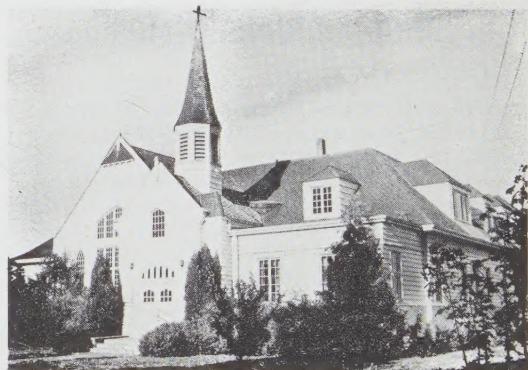
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	RECEIVED	PER CAPITA
American Falls	\$1,522	\$9.95
Boise, First	5,207	14.38
Boise, Wright	6,802	19.77
Challis	0	0
Idaho Falls	92	.80
McCall	750	6.70
Mountain Home	1,928	8.14
Nampa	2,555	13.17
New Plymouth	1,634	17.76
Payette	300	3.49
Pocatello	3,200	15.09
Rockland	100	10.00
Weiser	92	.35

	RECEIVED	PER CAPITA
Trinity	\$2,360	\$22.90
Waverly Heights	3,000	22.90
Salem, First	13,856	24.88
Salem, Knight Mem.	1,585	7.04
Scappoose	0	0
Smyrna	2,570	20.89
The Dalles	1,800	8.74
Tillamook	2,745	10.94
Wilsonville	1,700	16.50
Vancouver	3,000	9.09
White Salmon	1,200	12.50
Miscellaneous	772	
	\$176,433	

OREGON

Albany	0	0
Ashland	1,350	30.00
Astoria	414	12.55
Beavercreek	1,250	9.69
Beaverton	7,675	19.28
Butteville	9	1.00
Cascade Locks	97	3.03
Clackamas	480	10.21
Condon	2,000	12.20
Corvallis	6,299	9.28
Elliott Prairie	300	18.75
Enterprise	1,021	6.19
Eugene	14,000	17.88
Forest Grove	19,969	40.18
Gaston	840	18.26
Gresham, Zion	2,100	17.50
Hillsboro	3,333	12.48
Hood River	3,392	9.98
Hubbard	1,200	15.58
Ione	2,875	23.57
Klamath Falls	434	9.23
Lake Oswego	2,300	11.11
Lincoln City	4,385	21.18
Medford	3,726	11.61
Milton-Freewater:		
Ingle Chapel	300	2.78
United	0	0
Milwaukie	1,424	9.82
Portland:		
Cedar Hills	10,350	28.59
Ebenezer	0	0
First	9,200	12.42
Highland	575	4.75
Hillsdale	6,050	11.18
Parkrose	6,500	19.52
Rivercrest	1,500	6.98
St. Andrew's	1,150	13.53
Second	914	9.62

BETHEL, BEAVERTON CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

Old Church - 1925-1962

One hundred years of service to the community as well as to the world has passed since three very hearty women met during a severe winter storm on Jan. 4, 1880, and made plans to start a local church. The small meeting at the schoolhouse attracted Mrs. C. S. Hamilton and Mrs. E. M. Klink where plans were formulated and the seeds were planted to establish the church located at 6th & Watson. The local Grange Hall served as a chapel until the first building campaign was launched in January 1887.

Bethel's January 4th birthday celebration acted as a kickoff for a year of celebration and rededication of the Christian charge established so many years ago.

SPECIAL NEWS SUPPLEMENT TASK FORCE ON CHURCH AND AGING

REPRESENTATIVES ON AGING REQUESTED

All congregations are urged to appoint a representative (or a small committee) to have special responsibility for concerns on aging.

Such a representative would arrange for program emphasis on aging and special attention to the needs of the elderly in the congregation. Also, the representative would be asked to represent the congregation on the Conference Task Force on Aging.

After making the appointment of a representative on aging, the congregation should send his/her name, address and telephone number to the Conference Office so that he/she can be contacted personally and involved in the activities of the Task Force.

SUGGESTIONS OF SENIORS

FOR CIVIC APPOINTMENTS URGED

Task Force on Aging Chairman M.A.F. Ritchie is suggesting that congregations be alert to opportunities to suggest senior citizens to civic leadership posts of a local, county, regional and state level. Too often seniors are thought of only in connection with leadership in elderly affairs. Their experience, energy and insight are just as important in the broader affairs of a community or the state.

In making appointments to such committees or commission, the "powers that be" often respond to suggestions. Churches should be alert to make such suggestions and to be sure to include able seniors in those suggestions.

EFFECTIVE MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY

Concern for the rights of the elderly is a special part of the program of the Office for Church in Society of the U.C.C. National legislation is a matter of major interest. A staff member has been in Washington monitoring the process for the past year. Regional meetings have been set up in the East, Midwest and West, with delegates from the Conferences in these areas to point up their share of experience in service and legislation for the elderly. A fund of \$20,000 was set aside for projects supporting this national public policy effort.

CONFERENCE TASK FORCE DEVELOPS ACTIVE PROGRAM ON AGING

The task Force on Aging formed last year has launched an aggressive effort toward sensitizing the Central Pacific Conference to needs and opportunities related to aging. The organizing effort is aimed at fulfilling the obligations of our churches and of setting an example for other conferences.

Congregations of the Conference are being urged to appoint special representatives (an individual or a small committee) to have special responsibility to develop a better understanding of the phenomenon of aging and to implement Christian concern for the special needs of the elderly in the community. Two letters -- one to the minister and one to the moderator in each church -- were sent out making this request.

In order to provide information and stimulate interest on the part of ministers, Task Force representatives are being scheduled to speak at Cluster Meetings. Dr. M. A. F. Ritchie, Chairman of the Task Force, has been scheduled for meetings with the Eastside and Westside Clusters in Portland. Also, local churches have been informed by letter that the Task Force will make every effort to respond to requests for speakers for programs on the subject of aging. The Task Force has suggested to the acting Conference Minister that the topic of aging be included in discussions at the Post Easter Retreat.

The Task Force has again assumed responsibility for a workshop in aging at the Spring Assembly of the Conference in Eugene, May 16-17-18. Dr. Lowell Ellis will have charge of developing this workshop. Last year the Conference Workshop on Aging drew a warm response from participants. Dr. Walter McGettigan will again direct an intergenerational Summer workshop at Camp Adams July 21-22-23.

This insert in the Conference News is a communications project of the Task Force, and is intended as a stimulant and a resource for congregations wishing to develop a special program emphasis on aging.

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An informational project of another kind initiated by the Task Force has been a letter survey of seminaries with which the Conference is associated to determine to what extent such institutions lay stress on the study of gerontology and the ministry on aging. So far only four seminaries have replied with three of them reporting some emphasis in these areas.

Currently serving on the Task Force are:

Alma Albrecht
Elmer Buehler
Rev. Carl Calhoun
Lowell Ellis
Rev. Arthur Gillespie
Ruth Loomis
Rev. Walter McGettigan
Dr. Miller A.F. Ritchie
Rev. Eugene Ross

As local congregations designate special representatives on aging, a representative from each church will be added to the Task Force.



NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF SENIOR CITIZENS

The following are excerpts from an address entitled "An Open Letter to Oregon's Governor from a Senior Citizen" and presented at the 1978 Annual Meeting of the Washington County Council on Aging by Dr. M.A.F. Ritchie, Chairman of the Conference Task Force:

"What do we who are elderly want and need? My answer is detailed in nine statements:

1. We want to be considered as individuals.
2. We want to be recognized for our contributions, past, present and potential.
3. We want to be involved in the decision-making process respecting programs for senior citizens.
4. We want to participate in the political process.
5. We want opportunities for service in the community.
6. We want freedom from threatened hunger, untreated illness, and unrelieved loneliness.
7. We want preservation of our independence as much as possible as long as possible.
8. We want opportunity for continuing intellectual nourishment.
9. We want a war on stereotypes about aging.

These nine statements do not tell the whole story of the aspirations and needs of the elderly. But they express some of my deep concerns and reflect, I believe, concerns of citizens."

(Ed. Note: The full text of Dr. Ritchie's address is available from the Conference Office.)

RIGHTS OF THE ELDERLY

A GUIDE FOR WORKING TOWARD PUBLIC POLICY CHANGE is available from:

Office for Church in Society
United Church of Christ
105 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10016

COST: \$1.00 each

10 or more 75¢ each

New Books Aid Understanding of Problems and Opportunities Related to Aging

A book on aging won the Pulitzer Prize in 1975. It was Dr. Robert Butler's Why Survive? Being Old In America. This book and an avalanche of other recent and current books on the subject are helping to dispel some of the stereotypes about aging and to bring new insights concerning this life-long process through which all of us pass.

Lengthy bibliographies are available from the Board for Homeland Ministries, Health and Welfare Division, United Church of Christ, 132 West 31st St., New York, N.Y. 10001, from area agencies on aging, and from public libraries.

Example: Linda Stiles, outreach librarian of the Forest Grove City Library, has compiled an extensive "Union Listing of Books on Aging and Related Topics Available Through Libraries in Washington County".

Libraries of institutions of higher learning, of course, have books available on aging. Certainly church libraries should include an adequate selection of books on aging and should encourage people to read them.

Here is a brief list of books useful in understanding the aging process and dealing with the challenge of making the later years positive, productive and satisfying:

1. Alex Comfort - A Good Age - Crown, New York 1976
2. Robert Butler - Why Survive? Being Old in America - Harper and Row, New York 1975
3. Victoria E. Bumagin and Kathryn E. Hirn - Aging is a Family Affair - Crowell, New York, 1979
4. Arthur Geller and Deborah Geller - Living Longer and Loving It - Hammond, Maplewood, New York, 1979
5. Ronald Gross and Sylvia Seidman (ed.) - The New Old: Struggling for Decent Aging - Anchor Books, Anchor Press/Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1978
6. Barbara Silverstone and Helen Kandell Hyman - You and Your Aging Parent - Pantheon, New York, 1976
7. Seward Hiltner - Toward a Theology of Aging - Human Sciences Press, New York 1975
8. Robert W. McClellam - Claiming a Frontier: Ministry and Older People - University of Southern California Press, Los Angeles, 1977
9. Charlie W. Shedd - Then God Created Grandparents and It Was Good - Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1978
10. Garson Kanin - It Takes a Long Time to Become Young - Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1978
11. Simone deBeauvoir - The Coming of Age - Putnam's, New York, 1972
12. David Hackett Fischer - Growing Old in America - Oxford, New York, N.Y.

These books are available for purchase through a local bookstore. If the book is not in stock, simply give the store the name of the author, title and publisher, and the book can be ordered.

SYNOD RESOLUTIONS ON AGING

Delegates to General Synod 11, meeting in Washington, D.C., in 1977, passed the following resolution:

We, as members of the United Church of Christ gathered at General Synod 11, do hereby accept this study and declare ourselves committed to initiating and continuing a ministry with and to the elderly, age 60 and over, on a national, Conference, Association and local church level.

Our investigation and study has convinced us that the UCC has the capacity to conduct the following ministries in relation to the aged, none of which will duplicate current programs of excellence that are being conducted by other organizations.

- A. A continuing education program for UCC minister/laity to help teach how to minister with and to the aged.
- B. Organization of an experimental ministry to the isolated elderly who live in urban centers and rural areas.
- C. A program to combat the negative images of the aged and discrimination against the aged in mass communication media.

We recommend the responsibility for the foregoing projects and other programs to be developed with and for the aged be lodged in the UCBHM, with the understanding that the UCBHM will work cooperatively with the aid of the Council for Health and Welfare Services, United Church of Christ, other appropriate national instrumentalities and Conferences, Conference staffs, associations and local churches.

An interim in-progress report will be made to the 12th General Synod of the United Church of Christ and an evaluative report will be made to the 13th General Synod with recommendation for continuance.

Delegates to General Synod 12, meeting in Indianapolis in 1979, receiving an interim report on progress made in response to the General Synod 11 resolution voted:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the 12th General Synod of the United Church of Christ

1. Encourage these agencies to expand efforts in this area;
2. Direct the Executive Council to provide for the continuing work of the UCC Advisory Committee on Aging with particular emphasis on the recommendations of the 11th General Synod;
 - a. Developing a continuing education program for UCC clergy and laity to enable ministry with and to the Aging;
 - b. Developing experimental ministries with and to the isolated elderly who live in urban and rural areas;
 - c. Developing a program to combat negative images of the aged in mass communication media;
3. Encourages every UCC Conference, instrumentality, agency, association and local church to make resources available for the implementing of the Aging Priority.

The Local Scene

Derelle Barber, Lay associate for visitations and senior citizen activities at First Congregational Church, Eugene, has resigned her position. In a statement of appreciation for this commissioned worker, Moderator Charles Porter wrote: "Cheerful, perky, self-effacing, competent and strong, Derelle has and deserves continuing heartfelt thanks from all of the members and friends of our church." And the Conference also!

First Congregational Church, Eugene, has called The Reverend Luther William Youngdahl to become Senior Minister. Mr. Youngdahl begins his work in Eugene on March 1. We welcome Bill and his family to Central Pacific Conference.

The Reverend Fred Strasburg, Medford, was included in the Consultation for Ministers of Large Churches held in Avon Park, Florida.

The Reverend Kenneth O. Eaton, Community Church of Cedar Hills, spent the month of January on sabbatical leave at Kirkridge Retreat Center in Pennsylvania.

Forest Grove United Church of Christ has voted to sponsor a Cambodian family according to their minister, The Reverend Rich Osburn. While on the subject of Forest Grove, let it be reported that they led the churches in the Conference again for per capita and total contributions to OCWM -- \$40.18 and \$19,969.

The Reverend Maurice McDowell has resigned as Minister of Knight Memorial Church, Salem. A search committee has been organized.

According to the Reverend Jim Jones, the congregation at Lincoln City has raised over \$90,000 in their attempt to raise \$100,000 for an addition to their present building. Congratulations! When's the ground breaking?

CHOIR ROBES FOR SALE

(35 Adult sized) Some frayed, some faded, some in good condition! Maroon in color, assorted in size!

First Congregational Church
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MIDWINTER '80 SET TO GO

THEME: THE CHRISTIAN AND THE WORLD TODAY

Members of the Conference Youth Cabinet, along with adults invited to serve as counselors, have completed plans for MIDWINTER '80 which will convene at Camp Adams on March 7-8-9: Invited keynoter for the occasion is The Reverend Paul Kittlaus, Director of the Washington, D. C. office of the Office for Church in Society. Paul will respond to the theme for Midwinter in his Saturday morning address. Another out-of-state attraction will be the Rev. Tom Hunter, who will present a folk concert on Saturday evening.

Participants will also have the opportunity to participate in three of seven workshops to be offered Saturday afternoon. Subjects to be addressed in the workshops include: "Moving into the 1980's -- Energy, Security and Changing Life Styles"; "Southeast Asian Refugees--Cambodia and the Boat People"; "The Draft"; "Changing Sex Roles"; "Marxist-Christian Dialogue"; "Competition and Youth"; and "Health, Nutrition and World Hunger".

In addition to the aforementioned event, Midwinter '80 will provide the youth opportunity for worship and fellowship. The Youth Cabinet is planning for approximately 140 youth. Twenty adults have been recruited to share in the weekend.

The Rev. Kurt Holting, Jim Zaworski and Paul Clay are providing staff services for this event.

MONEY FOR THE CHURCH'S MINISTRIES

MONEY FOR THE CHURCH'S MINISTRIES is a new stewardship resource available from the Stewardship Council by March 1 at an introductory price of \$5.00 per copy. It has been "in the works" for several years and has been field-tested this past year by a number of congregations.

This resource will provide a new approach to biblical basis for stewardship, fresh and creative ways of telling the story of the church's local work and wider mission. Use the order form in January KeyPak, or order from: Literature Distribution Service, Stewardship Council, UCC, Rm. 618, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 1: LEADERSHIP ENRICHMENT EVENTS
9:30-4:00 at Bethel Beaverton
and Mt. Home, First

4: WOMEN'S SPRING CLUSTER
Ashland

6-7-8: MIDWINTER '80
Camp Adams

8: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATES
Interchurch Center

12: WOMEN'S SPRING CLUSTER
Albany

14-15: CHURCH AND MINISTRY
Community Church of Cedar Hills

23: OLNEY RECOGNITION SERVICE
Trinity, Portland

25: WOMEN'S SPRING CLUSTER
Lake Oswego

27: WOMEN'S SPRING CLUSTER
The Dalles

28: 1st SESSION - ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
Boise, First

29: 1st SESSION - ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
Waverly Heights, Portland

29: NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP
RECRUITMENT
9:30 a.m. Interchurch Center

APRIL 1: NEW CHURCH FUND TASK FORCE
Interchurch Center

8: WOMEN'S SPRING CLUSTER
Nampa

10: WOMEN'S SPRING CLUSTER
Pocatello

12: MISSION OUTREACH DEPARTMENT
Interchurch Center

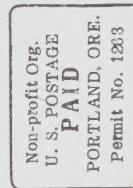
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19: EXECUTIVE BOARD
Interchurch Center



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